



WHITMAN

Plymouth County



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NARRATIVE

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Whitman is a very small community, which was the home of the famous Toll House and the Toll House Cookie. A quiet and friendly community, Whitman has an outstanding youth organization that offers a variety of activities. The town is proud of their girls' soccer team who won the state championship, and its recreation program. The Town Park, home to the baseball field, also features an outdoor swimming pool. The bandstand from which summer concerts are held is a very popular attraction. Whitman hosts an annual Fourth of July Field Day at the park, with a roadrace, carriage or bike decorating, pie eating contests and other events. The town is a very rural community situated on the south shore and is mostly residential.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Southeastern Massachusetts, bordered by Abington on the north, Rockland and Hanson on the east, East Bridgewater on the south, and Brockton on the west. Whitman is 21 miles south of Boston and 212 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 6.97 sq. miles

Land Area: 6.96 sq. miles

Population: 13,240

Density: 1,902 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Brockton Station)

Normal temperature in January.....26.9°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.2°F

Normal annual precipitation.....45.5"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Whitman

Regional Planning Agency

Old Colony

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Brockton



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (781) 447-7607

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Town Manager

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1875

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	7,146		
Democrats	2,195	30.7	%
Republicans	1,009	14.1	%
Other parties	2	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	3,940	55.1	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Whitman town, Plymouth County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	13,882	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	13,882	100.0
Male.....	6,812	49.1	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	122	0.9
Female.....	7,070	50.9	Mexican.....	15	0.1
Under 5 years.....	950	6.8	Puerto Rican.....	62	0.4
5 to 9 years.....	1,053	7.6	Cuban.....	3	-
10 to 14 years.....	1,110	8.0	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	42	0.3
15 to 19 years.....	962	6.9	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	13,760	99.1
20 to 24 years.....	799	5.8	White alone.....	13,434	96.8
25 to 34 years.....	2,152	15.5	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	2,507	18.1	Total population.....	13,882	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	1,912	13.8	In households.....	13,838	99.7
55 to 59 years.....	658	4.7	Householder.....	4,999	36.0
60 to 64 years.....	461	3.3	Spouse.....	2,824	20.3
65 to 74 years.....	700	5.0	Child.....	4,854	35.0
75 to 84 years.....	476	3.4	Own child under 18 years.....	3,459	24.9
85 years and over.....	142	1.0	Other relatives.....	629	4.5
Median age (years).....	34.7	(X)	Under 18 years.....	218	1.6
18 years and over.....	10,169	73.3	Nonrelatives.....	532	3.8
Male.....	4,904	35.3	Unmarried partner.....	295	2.1
Female.....	5,265	37.9	In group quarters.....	44	0.3
21 years and over.....	9,623	69.3	Institutionalized population.....	20	0.1
62 years and over.....	1,581	11.4	Noninstitutionalized population.....	24	0.2
65 years and over.....	1,318	9.5	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	535	3.9	Total households.....	4,999	100.0
Female.....	783	5.6	Family households (families).....	3,604	72.1
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	1,839	36.8
One race.....	13,726	98.9	Married-couple family.....	2,824	56.5
White.....	13,487	97.2	With own children under 18 years.....	1,459	29.2
Black or African American.....	90	0.6	Female householder, no husband present.....	581	11.6
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	22	0.2	With own children under 18 years.....	286	5.7
Asian.....	59	0.4	Nonfamily households.....	1,395	27.9
Asian Indian.....	3	-	Householder living alone.....	1,119	22.4
Chinese.....	10	0.1	Householder 65 years and over.....	399	8.0
Filipino.....	21	0.2	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	1,978	39.6
Japanese.....	5	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	991	19.8
Korean.....	9	0.1	Average household size.....	2.77	(X)
Vietnamese.....	6	-	Average family size.....	3.30	(X)
Other Asian ¹	5	-	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	2	-	Total housing units.....	5,104	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	4,999	97.9
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	105	2.1
Samoa.....	1	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	1	-	occasional use.....	4	0.1
Some other race.....	66	0.5	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.2	(X)
Two or more races.....	156	1.1	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	2.6	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: ³			Occupied housing units.....	4,999	100.0
White.....	13,627	98.2	Owner-occupied housing units.....	3,603	72.1
Black or African American.....	128	0.9	Renter-occupied housing units.....	1,396	27.9
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	80	0.6	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	3.01	(X)
Asian.....	79	0.6	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.14	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	9	0.1			
Some other race.....	119	0.9			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 182

Conventional Federal: 0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 6

Federal (Section 8): 0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Whitman is situated in the Greater Brockton Area, which is strategically located between State Route 128 and Interstate 495, the inner and outer loops around Boston. State Routes 3, 24, and 28 provide easy access to the air, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston and Providence.

Major Highways

Principal highways are State Routes 18, 27, and 58.

Rail

Commuter rail service to South Station, Boston, will be available in 1996-97 on the Plymouth Line. The Bay Colony Railroad provides freight rail service in Whitman. Contact number: (781) 380-3556

Bus

Carey's Bus Lines provides commuter service to 3 locations in Boston.

Other

The Marshfield Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility located 20 mi. E of town, has a 2,999'x 75' asphalt runway. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

Brae Burn Nursing Home

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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